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## **Hoekstra Statement on Intelligence Mark-Up**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-MI), Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement after the Committee passed by voice vote H.R. 2475. The bill as amended now goes to the full House for consideration.

H.R. 2475, the *Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006*, is the first intelligence authorization that will fund programs and budgets to be managed by the new Director of National Intelligence, created in the *Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004* signed into law last year.

“The authorization is bold and sweeping. Necessary cuts are being made to some technical programs that have demonstrated poor performance or that could be modified to produce better results for the nation’s intelligence efforts. The resulting savings from these reductions will be used to substantially increase investment in the development of human intelligence capabilities and provide significant additional funding and numerous improvements for foreign language training and support.

“In the past we have paid too much lip service to these basic needs, while continuing to fund expensive technical programs that – although important – do not make up for the lack of analysts, lack of worldwide coverage, lack of training and lack of basic infrastructure.

“This authorization is another positive step in supporting the war on terror and the professionals in the field who work tirelessly to make America a secure nation.”